

PROCLAMATION

For the more easie and effectual In-bringing of the Pole-money.

WILLIAM By the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith ; To
Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute,
Greeting : *Forasmuch* as the two Poles imposed by two Acts of the last Session of this present current Parliament, are
now set in Farm, and that it is of special concern, for making the saids Poles effectual, that the Commissioners of Shires
and others required by the saids Acts, for making up the Lists, Rolls and Books of Persons, and returning of the same ; Do diligently
Meet and Attend, and Performe what is incumbent to them for *Clearing*, and for the more easie raising and levieing of the saids Poles by
Our saids Farmers ; We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, and conform to the reference made to them by the saids Acts
of Parliament, have Ordained, and hereby Ordains for the first of the saids Poles, the hail Commissioners of the several Shires and Stew-
artries within this Kingdom, residing within the same *respective*, to meet upon the second *Tuesday* of *October* next to come, at the ordinary
place of their Meeting and there to subdivide the hail Bounds of the saids Shires and Stewartries, amongst the Commissioners residing for
the present within the same, whether present at or absent from the said Meeting, for making up the Lists of the poleable Persons, by vertue
of the foresaid Act, and that at such Places as they shall appoint upon the first *Tuesday* of *November* thereafter ; and there to proceed in
compleating the saids Lists and Rolls of poleable Persons, and takeing in their several Degrees and Qualities in manner specified in the said
Act : And appoints Advertisement to be given to the saids Commissioners residing within the said Shires and Stewartries timeously by the
several Shireffs and Stewarts or their Deputs, for their Meeting upon the said second *Tuesday* of *October* next, to the effect foresaid ; And like-
wise, that Advertisement be timeously given to the Commissioners absent and appointed to particular districts, and that Intimation be made at
the several Paroch Churches within the Shires a competent time of before of the particular places to which the poleable persons are to repair for
giving in of their Degrees, Characters and Qualifications, according to which they are lyable in Polemony, under the pains contained in
the Act of Parliament. And further, We with Advice foresaid Require and Command the Magistrats of Burghs, to meet upon the Days
appointed by the foresaid Act of Parliament ; and to proceed in making up the Lists and Rolls of the persons poleable within their Burghs,
and to make Intimation in manner above-mentioned ; As also, We with Advice foresaid, Command and Appoint the saids Commis-
sioners of Supplie, Magistrats of Burghs and their respective Clerks, to compleat the foresaid Rolls, and Lists of the poleable persons within
their respective Bounds, and to transmit the samen or an abstract thereof to the Lords of our Thesaury, betwixt and the first day of *Decem-*
ber next, to the effect the saids Lists and Rolls may be delivered by them to Our saids Farmers, betwixt or upon the third *Tuesday* of *De-*
cember next to come : And We with Advice foresaid, do hereby certify the saids Commissioners and Magistrats *respective* foresaid, if they
shall either fail to meet or attend the saids Dayes for making up the saids Lists and Rolls ; or in transmitting the same or Abstracts thereof in the
Terms of the Act of parliament, betwixt and the Day foresaid, they shall be conveyened and proccessed before the Lords of Our privy Council
at the instance of Our Advocat, & of the saids Tacksmen for their Negligence in the premisses & for Damages, & to be punished for the same with
all Severity ; And We ordain the Chamberlains, Factors, Doers & the Tutors and Curators of such of the saids poleable persons as are Absent, or
Minors, to give up the respective Qualities and Degrees of the saids persons absent, or Minors, and make payment of their polemoney at the Dayes
and under the Certifications and pains contained in the foresaid Act of parliament : And lastly, We with Advice foresaid Declare, that all per-
sons lyable in polemoney by this present Act, shall be obligid to give up upon Oath their Names, Qualities and Degrees, & values of their Estates,
if required thereto at least that it shal be leifome & competent to our saids Tacksmen to controule the Qualities, degrees & Values of Estates that
shal be given in by the Oath of the Ingiver thereof, if they think fit, for making the Ingivers thereof lyable for the single Pole, Doubles or Qua-
druples, according to the foresaid Act of Parliament. *OUR Will is herefore*, and We charge you strictly, and Command, that inconti-
nent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, & to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the hail Head-Burghs of the seve-
ral Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Intimation of the
Premisses, that none pretend ignorance ; And We Ordain our Solicitor to dispatch Copies hereof to the Sheriffs of the several Shires and
Stewarts of Stewartries. and their Deputs, and Magistrats of Burghs, or their Clerks, to be by them published at the Mercat-Crosses of the
Head-Burghs, upon Receipt thereof, and immediatly sent to the several Ministers, to the effect the same may be intimat and read at the se-
veral Paroch Churches upon the Lords Day, at least preceeding the said second *Tuesday* of *October* next to come : And Ordains Our So-
licitor to transmit printed Copies of the said Act of Parliament, with this present Proclamation, to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stew-
artsof Stewartries, and Magistrats of Burghs, to be delivered to them, and made use of by them as they shal find needful : And Ordains
these presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the twentieth day of September, and of Our Reign the Tenth Year, 1698.



God Save the King.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT. *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*